

OF NOTE

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BLOOD

United Blood Services, 768-1408, holds blood drives on Kirtland AFB at:

- ★ Sandia National Labs **every Tuesday**, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ National Nuclear Security Administration Service Center, **June 9**, conference rooms A-C in Building 381, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
- ★ Honeywell FM&T, **June 10**, Bloodmobile, 7:30-11 a.m.
- ★ National Training Center, **June 10**, Bloodmobile, 7-10:30 a.m.
- ★ Air Force Inspection Agency and Safety Center, **June 4**, Bloodmobile, 8-11:30 a.m.
- ★ 377th Civil Engineer Group/Chugach, Building 20684, **June 11**, Bloodmobile, noon-4 p.m.

BRIEFINGS

All mandatory Suicide Prevention training is in the theater on:

- ★ **June 9**, 7 a.m., 3 p.m.;
- ★ **June 23**, 7 a.m.

CLOSINGS

The Commissary is closed Memorial Day, May 31.

The Daily Grind closes today and remains closed through June. The coffee cafe reopens **July 9 and 23.**

EDUCATION

Scholastic Aptitude Test, June 10, 8:30 a.m., in Room 116B of the Education Center. The test is free and available to active duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel. Register at the Education Center and receive a registration bulletin and sample test. Call 846-9933 or 846-8955.

Critical Incident Stress Management Team basic level certification training is July 9-10, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Distance Learning Center. The team assists people and units who have experienced traumatic events like serious accidents or deaths. Call Capt. Paul Milazzo, 846-3305.

EVENTS

8th Air Force Historical Society spring luncheon, June 5, is 11 a.m. at Albuquerque Petroleum Club. Speaker is retired Maj. Gen. Donald J. Harlin, former chief chaplain. Call Al Schwery at 889-9418 for reservations due by **May 28.**

The 229th birthday of the Army is celebrated with an Army Ball June 12, at Albuquerque Petroleum Club, 500 Marquette Northwest, Suite 1500. Social is 6 p.m. with program and meal at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is retired Lt. Gen. Gordon Sumner. Tickets are \$35 for officers and civilians and \$25 for enlisted members.

Contact Lt. Col. Post at 846-6611. Dress is blues or greens with bow tie for military and formal attire for civilians.

FAMILY

Pre-deployment briefings are Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10 a.m. or 2 p.m., or Thursday, 5 p.m., at the Family Support Center. Call Master Sgt. Lloyd McKenzie or Jane Gates, 846-0741.

Heart Link Spouses Program orientation on military life, June 10, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., is in room 1020 in the Consolidated Support Building. Lunch, presentations by base agencies and door prizes are part of the program. Respond by **June 8**; invitations are at Family Support Center, the Chapel, both child development centers, Youth Programs, Family Advocacy, Military Personnel Flight customer service, TRICARE and the caterer at the Mountain View club.

Small business counseling, June 1, with Service Corp of Retired Executives Small Business Counseling is 9-11:30 a.m. by appointment only at Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

Disability Transition Assistance Program Seminar, June 2, is 1-3 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

Job Search Orientation Workshop, June 2, is 1:30-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

State Labor Transition Assistance Program, June 2-4, is 8 a.m.-4 p.m., in the Consolidated Support Building 20245. Call 846-0741.

Veterans Affairs benefits and entitlements briefing, June 4, is 1-4 p.m., in the Family Support Center. Call 846-0741.

Humor Your Stress video and discussion program, June 7, is 10 a.m.-noon. Call 846-0741.

MEETINGS

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2263 meets the second Tuesday of each month, 4:15 p.m., in the Civil Air Patrol Conference Room, Building 926. All bargaining unit employees are encouraged to attend. Call 846-4363, fax, 853-2343 or afge.2263@kirtland.af.mil. The union's Web site is www.afge2263.org.

Military Widows and Widowers Group meets June 5, 9:30 a.m., at the Chapel annex. Program is a silent auction with potluck. Call Marjorie Bowling, 294-1090.

Boy Scout Troop 911 meets every Monday, 7 p.m., at New Life Baptist Church. Call Scoutmaster Mike Sharp at 203-4882, Chris Nater at 249-3950 or Nat

Thongchua at 898-2554. A Cub Scout troop is also available for boys younger than 10.5 years old.

ODDS/ENDS

Memorial Day hours for the BX Main Store are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The barber, beauty, flower and optical shops and GNC operate 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The gift shop and art gallery are closed. Auto Pride is open 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation 5-kilometer fund-raiser run and walk, June 13, is at the balloon fiesta park. Register at the Health and Wellness Center. Information is at www.nmraceforthechance.com.

Easter Bunny photos purchased from the Company Grade Officers Council during the base egg hunt are available by calling 259-5200.

Volunteer Appreciation Month nominations are being accepted for the June 4 ceremony and cookout at the Rio Grande Community Center. Call 846-0741.

Computer class for military spouses, May-September, are offered in the Distance Learning Center. Call 846-0741 or 846-0751 to register.

Tobacco cessation program at the Health and Wellness Center, Building 20238 next to the East Fitness Center is five-weeks. Group session includes understanding addiction, behavior and stress management, fitness, nutrition and relapse prevention techniques. Classes are **Wednesdays**, 11:30 a.m., and **Thursdays**, 5:30 p.m. Call 846-1186.

PERSONNEL

June 15 is the application date for nonrated officers for developmental education. Complete information and addresses are at Military Personnel Flights or online at www.afpc.randolph.af.mml/acquis/AFIT05Message.

myPay personal identification numbers are available by e-mail on official Air Force e-mail accounts. Military members and retirees, annuitants and DOD and DOE civilian employees should visit https://mypay.dfas.mil.

Air Force Reserve is an option for continuing your military career part-time while keeping most of your benefits. Retraining maybe an option. Call Master Sgt. Vera Romano, 846-0544.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season is through June 30. Federal Employees Retirement System employees may contribute up to 14 percent of their basic pay and Civil Service Retirement System employees nine percent.

Civil service employees performing military duty are placed on Leave Without Pay-Uniformed Services unless the employee chooses to be separated. Submit a Request for Personnel Action, SF-52. For information, contact Alfreda L. Fain, 846-8953.

Career job reservations are required for all first term Airmen during their designated window. After **May 31**, members who are beyond their CJR window and do not have an approved CJR or an approved retraining on file will separate on their date of separation. Contact the Military Personnel Flight Reenlistments Office, 846-9154, for more information.

ROADS

The Post Office vehicle mailbox traffic route has been reconfigured with directional arrows on the pavement to help customers safely handle their postal business. The driveup mailbox is now located south of the building in the large parking lot adjacent to the Post Office and west of the Consolidated Support Building. An additional mailbox has been added. Access is from 2nd and 1st streets. Traffic through the Post Office remains one-way.

Northbound Maxwell Street is closed between Aberdeen Avenue and Building 589, through June 11. The closure is during installation of gas lines.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Appreciation Month Recognition Awards Ceremony and Picnic, June 4, is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Rio Grande Community Center. All TEAM KIRTLAND members are invited to attend.

Magicians and storytellers for the Library's Summer Reading Club, July-August, are being recruited. Three acts suitable for children of all ages are needed for the Saturday program. Call Marla Sturdy, 846-1071.

Albuquerque Rescue Mission volunteers are needed for serving breakfast and dinners to clients. Volunteers are recruited by the Chapel. Call Dave Goodnight, 346-4673, ext. 244.

Volunteer escorts for Scout troops are needed to help scouts visiting Kirtland AFB while enroute to summer destinations. Contact Kirtland AFB Scout liaison 1st Lt. Robert Hill, 846-5094.

Helping Homeless Teens project, through the Albuquerque Peace and Justice Center, provides toiletries, school supplies and first aid items for homeless teens. Donations are distributed through the Youth in Transition and Albuquerque Public Schools Title I. The collection is **through September.** Contact Bernice Reed, 846-2449.



ABOVE—2nd Lt. Leah Seams rappels backward down the climbing wall at the Pararescue School during the LPDP class. Students could also choose to rapell “Ausie style,” facing toward the ground.

TOP RIGHT—1st Lt. Julia Rothman checks breathing on a CPR mannequin as 2nd Lt. Bryan Fram renders assistance as part of the defibrillator demonstration. Instructors from the Pararescue School instructed the LPDP students in using defibrillators during their visit.

RIGHT—2nd Lts. Nicholas Shimkus (far left) and Taylor Rich listen as Maj. Scott Curtin, Pararescue School commander gives the students a tour through the Pararescue School halls and discusses memorabilia they have collected over the years.

Photos by Todd Berenger

Lieutenants hold 3rd training course

The Lieutenants Professional Development Program’s third course at Kirtland AFB has come and gone, with preparation of a fourth underway. The course, geared toward second lieutenants arriving at their first assignment, is now mandatory.

The mission of the LPDP is to enhance professional development of junior officers and civilians at Kirtland AFB by providing interactive training through seminars, team leadership exercises and senior leader forums.



As a second lieutenant, there are a number of professional development resources available. To augment their best intentions, TEAM KIRTLAND has reinvigorated the Lieutenant Professional Development Program.

LPDP is a one-week, half-day program developed to help prepare new Air Force officers for the challenges they will face as they embark on their careers. The program included a mock promotion board, an effective writing course, scenarios involving the staff judge advocate, quality time with a mentor from their specific Air Force Specialty Code, hints on working with the media, rappelling down a rock wall and learning how to use a defibrillator at the Pararescue School.

The students of the LPDP will make a donation to the Air Force Pararescue and Combat Rescue Officer School in the name of retired Lt. Gen. Leo Marquez, a Peralta, N.M. native. The school in turn will donate the money to the Pitsenbarger Memorial fund which is working to place a life size bronze statue of deceased pararescueman Staff Sgt. William H. Pitsenbarger, Medal of Honor recipient, in front of the schoolhouse.

Col. Patricia Hunt, 377th Maintenance Group commander and LPDP advisor, was the driving force behind Kirtland AFB’s outstanding participation in LPDP. Due to a permanent change of station, this was Colonel Hunt’s last LPDP course at Kirtland AFB.

The next LPDP will be held August 16. Lieutenants who have not yet attended an LPDP class can register online at www.loanational.org/cgoc.

